

BIG FRANKLIN SQUARE BUILDING

Judge John M. Thayer Lets Contract For Four Story Fire Proof Structure on Bath Street Corner—To Have Four Stores and About 60 Offices—Will Require About 10 Months to Build.

The contracts for a big new four-story building for Judge John M. Thayer, to be built on the lot at the corner of Franklin and Bath streets, were signed Monday afternoon in the office of C. H. Preston, architect, the Connecticut Engineering and Contracting company of Norwich being the contractor, through L. M. Young, manager. The building fronts 100 feet on Franklin square and is 125 feet deep. The floors and roofs and rear of the building will all be structural reinforced concrete. The fronts on Franklin and Bath streets will be the same, but covered with press brick. There will be a basement 10 feet deep, that under the front to be rented. Part of the rear will be used for heating plant, and balance at rear used for store cellars. There will be four large stores on the first floor, these having plate glass for fronts and sides, the store heights being 14 feet. In the center of the main floor front will be a corridor 12 feet in width and having plate glass doors and quartered oak finish, terrazzo floors, with terrazzo wainscot four feet in height.

The stairs in the front corridor and in the side corridor will be wrought steel, including stringers, treads, risers and decorative rail, capped with moulded quartered oak. These stairs run from the basement to each floor, ending at the fourth.

On the three upper floors will be offices, single or in suite, as wanted, there being communicating doors between all. There will be a total of about 60 offices. Each floor has sanitary accommodations for men and women, each office and store having wash bowls and all fixtures being of latest up-to-date patterns. While the floors will be reinforced concrete, there will be a topping of cinder concrete having chestnut screeds imbedded in cement and capped or covered with best quality tile, maple floor, machine scraped and finished. This applies to all floors in the building except in lavatories, these being finished in the concrete, in color.

In all offices the ceilings will be free from concrete timberings, flat slab being used. The roof will be of the same material, covered with five ply roofing paper and slag, all flashings being 14-ounce copper.

The two building fronts and returns are to be plastered in press brick, and between these there will be copper bay windows, the whole height of three upper stories. There will be heavy copper cornices around all fronts and returns, with heavy brackets and frieze. The bays will be 15 inches in relief, and each will have three windows on each floor, the center sash being about 5 feet wide by 7 feet high, swung with Geisley trip on centers. The side windows will be weighted and all will be of plate glass.

All interior partitions are to be four-inch hollow tile for main floor and three-inch hollow tile for basement and all of the upper floors, all corridor partitions having figured rolled glass and sash between offices and frieze. The heating is to be done by two sectional boilers of eight sections each, with direct radiation in all parts. The plant is arranged to use each as a separate unit in the early or late parts of the seasons, or jointly when needed.

The building will be built or placed on 300 oak pillars, 25 feet each in length, with 12 inch heads and 8-inch points, the center postings demanding a nest of 10 pilings each. As each piling is estimated for 10 tons' load, the ten in the cluster have a strength of 200 tons. The foundations on and around these pilings are to be in concrete, from 24 inches below

basement floor and ending at present land grades. The basement will run under the sidewalks on the two streets, having American prismatic glass for lighting the basement.

The building is to be electric wired in conduits throughout, each floor having a central station from which all wiring will run for that floor. There is to be a fast running elevator installed, running from basement to and including fourth floor, enclosed in fire-proof partitions.

It is expected that the construction will take about ten months for completion, and immediately on signing the contract Manager Young made arrangements for bringing men from a job he has just completed in William. Architect C. H. Preston furnished the plans and will have charge of construction of the building.

BETTER PROTECTION FOR LIVES OF LINEMEN

Companies in Conference With Public Utilities Commission.

There was an important conference held in Hartford Monday afternoon between representatives of some of the principal trolley and electric companies, the public utilities commission and the chief engineer, C. C. Elwell, on the matter of having a uniform code of rules. Representatives of the following companies were present: The Hartford Electric Light company, United Electric Light and Water company of Waterbury, the United Illuminating company of New Haven, the Connecticut company, the Southern New England Telephone company, the Western Union Telegraph company, the Postal Telegraph and Cable company, the Connecticut Power company of New London.

The conference was held in accordance with the recommendation of Chief Engineer Elwell in his report to the commission on the accident which occurred some time ago in New Canaan and which resulted in the death of Joseph Knoke, a lineman in the employ of a Waterbury company, who had previously been in the employ of the Southern New England Telephone company. Engineer Elwell recommended that linemen and others whose positions are dangerous should be examined as to their knowledge of the work for which they are engaged

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and that the companies be requested to adopt a uniform code of rules instead of each company having its independent code.

The companies mentioned above were invited by Secretary Billings of the commission to send a representative to the conference. It is expected that the conference will result in the adoption of rules that will prevent and lessen the possibility of accidents in the future.

Lawrence Riley Had Shock. Monday morning about 11 o'clock Lawrence Riley suffered a paralytic shock in his pool rooms on Bath street and was taken to his home in the Marguerite building, where he lies in a serious condition, his right side being wholly paralyzed. Mr. Riley's health has not been good for some time and it is because of this that his condition is considered serious.

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Any Housekeeper would appreciate a gift from amongst our assortment of Fine Linens. Now is a good time to make your selection while the stock is complete and you can trade in comfort. These few suggestions:

PATTERN TABLE CLOTHS in all sizes, from 2x2 yards and larger—at \$1.00 to \$19.50.
TABLE NAPKINS, plain, hemstitched and scalloped, all sizes and qualities—at \$1.00 to \$25.00 a dozen.
TOWELS, all sizes and qualities, including newest designs for embroidery—at 25c to \$1.50.
SIDEBOARD and BUREAU SCARFS, plain and embroidered linen, Cluny and Fillet lace effects—at 50c to \$9.50.
TABLE CENTERS, square and round, plain linen, Cluny and Fillet lace—at 50c to \$5.00.
DOLLIES of every kind, in big variety—at 10c to \$1.00.
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MAHAN IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Will Propose That Government Take Over Railroads.

That government ownership of railroads is preferable to the constantly growing government supervision and control over them, was the declaration made by Representative Mahan of New London, who returned to Washington Sunday. "I understand," he said, "that Representative Stevens of New Hampshire is to introduce a bill Monday, providing for complete government control over the operation of trains, schedules, speed, hours of labor, equipment, rails, safety devices, and other features of railroad operation. When that measure appears I will introduce a bill providing for government ownership of railroads. Doubtless reforms and improvements are necessary, but why should the railroads be introducing them at the behest of the government? It should be much better to have straight government ownership. Then Uncle Sam would see to it that the wages of employees would not be increased beyond the amount of the railroad revenues, or else that the rates would be raised. Now the railroads are up against the demand for higher wages on one hand and the demand for higher rates on the other hand."

"Why should not the government take over the railroads and make the profit that now goes to the railroads? Other countries have government ownership of railroads, which is profitable. I think every city should own its street railways, gas and electric light plants. Moreover every city situated on the water should own its waterfront and dock facilities. Such utilities are profitable to the public in foreign countries and they would be in this country."

"By the way," continued Mr. Mahan, "the Connecticut River Waterways association will have a big meeting this winter. This movement will help bring about the development of the waterways of New England as they ought to be developed. The improvement of New London harbor by the state has just begun. I make the prediction that within ten years all the available harbors and navigable rivers of Connecticut will be improved. The Connecticut river will be developed up to Holyoke, Mass. The Housatonic and other streams will be canalized well back toward the Massachusetts line. Other countries are doing such work and why should not we? In other states principally in the south and west, the waterways are being developed at the federal government's expense; why not Connecticut?"

Congressman Mahan is vigorously opposed to the immigration restriction bill, work upon which is progressing in the house. He declares that immigrants make desirable citizens and that the children of even the most illiterate immigrants become the brightest and most successful people in their communities. He holds it wrong to exclude such people from this country and declares he will fight to nullify the attempt to put an educational test upon aliens. Mr. Mahan recalls that his own father learned to read by the light of a peat fire in the old country and that many such people might have difficulty passing the proposed test.

Making Repairs to Cars. Two cars, which rolled down the bank at Scotch Cap in a Central Vermont accident last week, are being repaired at the yards in New London so that it will be possible to take them to St. Albans to be rebuilt.